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A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information. They have called for it.

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" Will the Government be pleased to pass on the information as soon as they get it ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I will let the hon. Member have the information as soon as I get it."

Construction of a bridge at Tsundur, Guntur district.

* 1492 *Q.*—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there are any proposals for constructing a bridge at Tsundur in the Guntur district ?

A.—Yes; across the Tungabhadra drain at mile 14/2-3 of the Tsundur Railway feeder road.

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know when the construction will be undertaken ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I cannot give a definite answer to that."

Alleged canvassing during the election of the Vice-President of the Nilgiris District Board.

* 1493 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that at the meeting of the Nilgiris District Board held on 18th January 1929 for the election of the Vice-President, the District Collector proposed one Mr. Simon for the Vice-President's place ;

(*b*) whether the said Mr. Simon is a nominated member of the District Board ;

(*c*) whether at the time of proposing Mr. Simon, the Collector specially pleaded for Mr. Simon's election and also stated that Mr. Simon was to be there only for a short time ; and

(*d*) the reasons why the Collector canvassed for the election of Mr. Simon while competent Indians like Mr. Ari Gowder, M.L.C., were available for election ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Collector, who is also the President, District Board, proposed Mr. C. R. Simmonds, a nominated member, for the Vice-President's place. There is no such member as Mr. Simon.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" May I know whether the District Board of Nilgiris has got a very large proportion of European and Anglo-Indian members already ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It has a certain proportion of Europeans and Anglo-Indians. I cannot understand what my hon. Friend means by the expression 'very large'."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" At any rate the district board is not famished for want of those gentlemen ; but may I know why the Collector

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went out of his way to support and canvass for Mr. Simmonds?—I made a mistake in mentioning the name as Simon, because Simon is so much in the air now."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I do not think the Collector went out the way to support any particular candidate."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Is it not within the knowledge of the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government that when the Collector himself proposes a particular candidate when other people are available for proposing, it will be taken by other members that the Collector is actually canvassing for a particular candidate?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is asking for opinion."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—"May I know whether we are to understand that the Collector did not go out of his way when he did a certain amount of canvassing for a particular gentleman, Mr. Simmonds?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I do not think my hon. Friend is right in his inference."

Provision of conveyances for Muslim girls' school at Krishnagiri.

* 1494 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no conveyance for the Muslim girls' school at Krishnagiri; and

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to provide the school with adequate conveyance?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—"May I know if the Government will call for the information and take the necessary steps?"

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"No answer, Sir"?

Elected presidents for Hospet and Harpanahalli Taluk Boards.

* 1495 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Board of Bellary included in one of its recent annual reports a resolution of the Board to throw open for election the presidentships of the taluk boards of Hospet and Harpanahalli;

(b) whether the Government have taken any and, if so, what action on the above resolution; and

(c) when the posts of the presidents of the above two taluk boards will fall vacant and by what method—whether by election or by nomination—they are to be filled up?

A.—(a) Yes; in the Administration Report for 1926-27.

(b) & (c) The Government are waiting for a report from the President, District Board.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know if the hon. the Minister had stated that if the local body, the district board, recommended favourably, he would accept it? I want to know whether he stated so or not."